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SUBJECT: DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION COMMITTEE: ROMANIAN PROPOSALS

1. DURING MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP II MAY 15, ROMANIAN REP ANNOUNCED HIS GOVERNMENT UNABLE ACCEPT AUSTRALIAN COMPROMISE FORMULATION ON SUB- PARA (E) OF LIST OF ACTS (GENEVA 2046, PARA 5), WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED AT REFERENDUM BY WG SEVERAL DAYS AGO. ROMANIAN INSISTED THIS PARA REFER ONLY TO " AGREEMENT" AND NOT TO " PERMISSION."

2. ROMANIAN ALSO ASKED THAT CONTACT GROUP TAKE UP HIS PROPOSAL (TABLED SEVERAL DAYS AGO) TO INSERT NEW SUB- PARA IN LIST OF ACTS. TEXT OF PROPOSED NEW SUB- PARA AS FOLLOWS: " THE ACTION OF A STATE PLACING ITS TERRITORY AT THE DISPOSAL OF ANOTHER STATE, WHEN THE LATTER USES THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER STATE FOR PERPETRATING AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST A THIRD STATE."

3. ROMANIAN INITIALLY RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FOR HIS PROPOSALS. HE AGREED TO MEET WITH SPANISH REP (MAJOR PROPONENT OF " PERMISSION") IN ATTEMPT RESOLVE AGAIN WORDING OF SUB- PARA (E). CYPRIOT REP DRAFTED COMPROMISE VERSION OF PROPOSED NEW SUB- PARA, WHICH WOULD MEET ROMANIAN CONCERNS BUT WOULD EMPHASIZE
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THAT THE HOST STATE WOULD BE AN " AGGRESSOR" ONLY IF IT ACQUIESCED
IN AND AGREED TO THE ACT OF AGGRESSION. WE EXPRESSED IN LOW- KEY
MANNER OUR VIEW THAT THIS INVOLVED COMPLEX QUESTIONS INVOLVING
MULTI- STATE SITUATION WHICH WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO DEAL WITH IN
DEFINITION. JAPANESE REP PRIVATELY REACTED NEGATIVELY TO ANY
PROPOSAL ALONG THESE LINES, POINTING OUT THAT CONCEPT OF
" ACQUIESCENCE" IN VARIOUS USES OF U. S. BASES INVOLVED SOME
SIGNIFICANT
DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUES IN JAPAN. COMMENT: WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE
THAT WE WILL HAVE TO OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL VERY STRENUOUSLY, SINCE
WE EXPECT SOVIET TO TAKE LEAD IN OPPOSING IT. END COMMENT.
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